

Massachusetts

The options for eligibility for the 2006-07 school year for a student from Massachusetts are:

- ***The Massachusetts Certificate of Mastery***
- ***The State Scholars Initiative requirements.*** This program, currently offered in Massachusetts and twenty-one other States and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (including Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry);
 - Three years of lab science (biology, chemistry, physics);
 - Three-and-one-half years of social studies; and
 - Two years of a language other than English.
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of Math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, Geometry, or Data Analysis and Statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- ***Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Admissions Criteria.*** This program requires:
 - Four credits of English;
 - Three credits of math (Algebra I and II and Geometry or Trigonometry, or comparable coursework);
 - Three credits of science (including 2 lab sciences);
 - Two credits of social studies (including 1 course in U.S. History); and
 - Two years of foreign language (2 years in the same language).